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In re Application of :  
Dershem et al :  
Application No. 09/580,026 :  
Filed: May 26, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No: QUANT1190-2 :

: DECISION GRANTING  
: STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition filed by facsimile transmission on October 12, 2001, requesting reconsideration of a decision mailed August 13, 2001, which refused to accord 37 CFR 1.47(a) status to the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the nonsigning inventors (Dennis B. Patterson and Jose Osuna) have refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the nonsigning inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination Division for preexamination processing.

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